

Forest North Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2012– Phase 12 Forest North Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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Newsletter No. 4

Street Reconstruction to Begin in Area D.....

Recent Events

Newsletter 1 predicted street reconstruction to begin in Area D September 4. Due to the Contractor's work in Area C progressing quicker than expected, the contractor will start reconstruction in Area D during the week of August 20. **We apologize for any inconvenience the revised start date may cause residents in Area D.**

During the past five weeks, the street contractor, Northwest Asphalt, completed the following work:

Area A – The contractor completed the installation of blacktop driveways, topsoil, and sod and rain gardens.

Area B (north of and including 48th Avenue) – The contractor completed the installation of concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer

of blacktop, and concrete and blacktop driveways. The installation of topsoil began.

Area B (south of 48th Avenue) – The contractor completed private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, relocation of hydrants, storm sewer and drain tile pipe installation, and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils. The contractor also installed concrete curb and gutter and concrete driveways.

Area C – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement and removed existing concrete curb and gutter. Private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, storm

sewer and drain tile pipe installation were also completed. The correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and preparation of streets to receive their recycled gravel base began.

Care of New Sod

When new sod is installed in front of your home, **begin watering your new sod immediately!** Your efforts, when combined with the contractor watering the boulevard sod for the **first 30 days only**, will help the sod grow so your lawn looks its best.

Please read your sod care flyer very carefully. If you are using a lawn service, please share with them the maintenance recommendations shown on the flyer.

Tentative 3 Week Schedule

The following schedule is a result of the contractor's best guess of progress. Many factors, including weather conditions and coordination of private utility reconstruction, may change the schedule. We will keep you posted of any significant changes.

Area B (north of and including 48th Avenue) – The spreading of black dirt in the boulevards will continue and the installation of sod will begin. Following that will be the construction of rain gardens. The rain garden plantings will take place in spring 2013.

Area B (south of 48th Avenue) – The contractor will continue installing the gravel base through the week of **August 13**. The contractor will pave

Important Reminders

Emergencies: If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Northwest Asphalt's respondent at 952.292.8460. If necessary, you may call 911.

Construction Safety: Please remind your children to stay **as far as possible** from all construction activities and equipment. **Construction safety is our utmost concern and your cooperation is imperative.** Construction activities are extremely dangerous and we do not want any mishaps.

Concrete Installation: Whenever concrete curb and gutter or driveway surfaces are poured, please do not drive across the concrete for 6 days. The concrete needs this time to gain sufficient strength. The contractor will provide you advance notice so your vehicles are not trapped in your driveway.

During the time you cannot access your driveway, the Crystal police department will allow you to park in the street overnight in front of your home. Once the concrete curb gains sufficient strength, a temporary gravel ramp will be built across the curb so you can access your driveway.

If you have any concerns about your vehicles being trapped in or out of your driveway, please **now** contact Dave Fritzke for potential assistance.

the streets with their first layer of blacktop around **August 20**. After the streets are paved, the contractor will complete the installation of blacktop driveways, topsoil and sod.

Area C – The contractor will continue to correct unsuitable road foundation soils and prepare streets to receive their recycled gravel base. Curb and gutter installation will begin during the week of **August 20**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of **August 27**. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **September 3**.

Area D – The contractor's reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base in Area D around **August 22**. After the reclaim machine finishes its work, the contractor will immediately begin private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, storm sewer and drain tile pipe installation and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils.

Immediate Action Items

- Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer

Replacement- Crystal Residents Only

Areas A, B and C – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

If you have been contacted by the Contractor and are still in the process of completing your **Area C** private driveway contract please continue to work with the Contractor to complete the agreement.

Area D – *If you are interested in driveway or sewer repair and have not yet told us*, please contact Dave Fritzke, Crystal City Engineering Department by **August 20** at 763.531.1163 or dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov.

Dave will contact the residents who are interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **August 31** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke.

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **September 10** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Mick

Cyert. If you have any questions about your driveway estimate please contact the Contractor's Representative Jeremy Gylland at 952.292.8368 or JGylland@nwasphalt.net.

Field Office

The field office is located 4720 Douglas Dr. Chris McKenzie of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) will be available there throughout the project. Please remember that parking is NOT permitted on Douglas Drive. When visiting the field office, please park in the Crystal Community Center parking lot.

You can put project related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located outside City Hall.

Communications

You will receive newsletters throughout the course of the project through the mail to keep you up-to-date. Additionally, previous newsletters can be viewed on Crystal's website at http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/phase_12.html

Anytime you have questions or comments, please contact either:

Chris McKenzie of SEH at 952.912.2607 or cmckenzie@sehinc.com.

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at 763.531.1161 or mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov.

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